

SENATE BILL No. 508

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 25-23-1-19.5.

Synopsis: State board of nursing. Amends continuing education requirements for advanced practice nurses to renew their authority to prescribe legend drugs.

Effective: July 1, 1999.

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January 19, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

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First Regular Session 111th General Assembly (1999)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 25-23-1-19.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 19.5. (a) The board
3 shall establish a program under which advanced practice nurses who
4 meet the requirements established by the board are authorized to
5 prescribe legend drugs, including controlled substances (as defined in
6 IC 35-48-1).
7 (b) The authority granted by the board under this section:
8 (1) shall be granted initially to an advanced practice nurse for two
9 (2) years; and
10 (2) is subject to renewal indefinitely for successive periods of two
11 (2) years.
12 (c) The rules adopted under section 7 of this chapter concerning the
13 authority of advanced practice nurses to prescribe legend drugs must
14 do the following:
15 (1) Require an advanced practice nurse or a prospective advanced
16 practice nurse who seeks the authority to submit an application to
17 the board.



(2) Require, as a prerequisite to the initial granting of the authority, the successful completion by the applicant of a graduate level course in pharmacology providing at least two (2) semester hours of academic credit.

(3) Require, as a condition of the renewal of the authority, the completion by the advanced practice nurse ~~during the two (2) years immediately preceding the renewal of the authority~~ of at least thirty (30) hours of continuing education; at least (8) hours of which must be in pharmacology of the following continuing education requirements:

(A) An applicant for renewal who initially received prescriptive authority less than twelve (12) months before the expiration date of the prescriptive authority is not required to complete a continuing education requirement before the renewal.

(B) An applicant for renewal who initially received prescriptive authority at least twelve (12) months but less than twenty-four (24) months before the expiration date of the prescriptive authority shall submit proof to the board that the applicant has successfully completed at least fifteen (15) contact hours of continuing education. The hours must:

(i) be obtained after the date the applicant initially received prescriptive authority but before the expiration date of the prescriptive authority;

(ii) include at least four (4) contact hours of pharmacology; and

(iii) be approved by a nationally approved sponsor of continuing education for nurses, approved by the board, and listed by the health professions bureau as approved hours.

(C) An applicant for renewal who initially received prescriptive authority at least twenty-four (24) months before the expiration date of the prescriptive authority shall submit proof to the board that the applicant has successfully completed at least thirty (30) contact hours of continuing education. The hours must:

(i) be obtained within the two (2) years immediately preceding the renewal;

(ii) include at least eight (8) contact hours of pharmacology; and

(iii) be approved by a nationally approved sponsor of



- 1 continuing education for nurses, approved by the board,
- 2 and listed by the health professions bureau as approved
- 3 hours.

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